

## RED MAPLE

*Acer rubrum*

Located in swamps, bogs, river margins and wet spots in woods throughout the Division. Also known as Scarlet, Water or Swamp Maple.

A medium sized tree, normally to 12 meters high. Leaves 3 to 5 lobed, green above and whitish below, may be hairy beneath; 6 to 15 cm wide. Bark of young trees smooth and gray, becoming broken and darker with age. Twigs and buds are reddish. Flowers are red (rarely yellow) occurring in short clusters, long before the leaves open; blooming from March through May. The reddish fruits develop from May through July; 1.5 to 2.5 cm long; winged and hairless. Red or yellow foliage in fall.



Birds and small mammals utilize the seeds, buds and flowers for food; deer eat foliage and twigs; leaves and seed stalks commonly used in nest building by birds; the wood is sometimes used for furniture.

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### Notes